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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Application of

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Examiner: Ernest G. Therkorn

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Group Art Unit: 1723

Title: HEXA-VALENT CHROMIUM  
REMOVAL FROM AQUEOUS MEDIA  
USING FERROUS-FORM ZEOLITE  
MATERIALS

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

This Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement is filed in response to an Office Action mailed by the Examiner on April 21, 2005, for which a thirty-day period for response was set to May 21, 2005.

Claims 1-14 are pending in this application. The Examiner placed the following restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-4, drawn to a method of lowering the concentration of hexavalent chromium, classified in class 210, subclass 656.
- II. Claims 5-8, drawn to a column, classified in class 210, subclass 198.2.
- III. Claims 9-12, drawn to a system with a de-airing station, classified in class 210, subclass 188.

IV. Claims 13 and 14, drawn to ferrous-form zeolite, classified in class 210, subclass 500.1.

In response to the Examiner's restriction, Applicant respectfully elects Group III, claims 9 to 12.

**Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.